FISCAL MEMORANDUM SB 3221 – HB 3162

April 8, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014154): Deletes all language of the original bill and requires a school teacher, official or personnel, in coordination with the Department of Children's Services, to notify the parent or legal guardian of a child who is suspected to be the victim of child abuse and/or child sexual abuse within 24 hours of reporting the suspected abuse. Requires the release of information to the parent or legal guardian of the alleged victim unless the parent or legal guardian is suspected to be the perpetrator or responsible for the abuse.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures - Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The local schools will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to notify the parents or legal guardians of a report indicating their child is a suspected victim of child abuse or child sexual abuse.
- The Department of Children's Services will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to coordinate with the school to provide the notice.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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